

**COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>February 14, 2007</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2005-13-WS</u>
UTILITIES MATTERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**SUBJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_

DOCKET NO. 2005-13-WS – Application of Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Incorporated for Approval of a New Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Services – A hearing was held on this matter on January 22 – 24, 2007 – This matter is ready for Final Disposition

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Move that the Commission deny the request of the Applicant for a rate increase. Wyboo Plantation Utilities has failed to meet its burden of proving its entitlement to a rate increase. Specifically: (1) Wyboo has not presented sufficient credible evidence to justify the expenses claimed in its petition and the reasonableness of its affiliated transactions. (2) Wyboo's financial records do not comply with the minimum standards necessary for us to determine the Company's true operating margin. Wyboo has not conformed its books and records to the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts. Sections 103-517 and 103-719 of the Commission's Regulations governing water and sewerage utilities require that all books and records of the utility shall be maintained in accordance with the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts. (3) A rate increase would also be inappropriate at this time because of the Company's substandard performance, both in the objective measures of compliance with DHEC water quality standards, and in the more subjective area of quality of customer service. The Company should bring its practices into compliance with all applicable DHEC standards and make substantial improvements in customer service before applying for a rate increase again.

However, because a water tap fee was not previously established for the Company I move that the Commission approve the Company's request to allow a tap fee for its water operations, and that the tap fee be set at \$825 for a ¾ inch connection, \$965 for a 1 inch connection and \$1,145 for a 2 inch connection. The tap fee shall cover all costs of material and equipment, labor, and boring. I further move that the company's sewer connection fee be increased from \$500 to \$825. These tap fees will allow the company to recover its costs associated with establishing the initial service connection for water and sewer service when new customers connect to its system. Such fees are to be charged only when the company physically connects a customer or developer to its water or wastewater system. Tap fees may only be collected once for each property by Wyboo. Either the builder or the resident can be charged a tap fee, but not both. These are the only fees associated with water or sewer connection which would be authorized by the Commission.

PRESIDING Hamilton

Session: Regular

MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
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Time of Session 2:30 p.m.

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